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SUBJECT: MBFR: DELAY IN FRG DATA INITIATIVE

1. FONOFF MBFR DIRECTOR RUECKRIEGEL ADVISED US ON MAY 20 THAT HE WAS DOUBTFUL THE FRG DATA DISAGGREGATION INITIATIVE WOULD BE READY FOR ALLIANCE CONSIDERATION UNTIL THE WEEK OF MAY 30 AT THE EARLIEST. RUECKRIEGEL EXPLAINED THAT THE PRINCIPAL DELAY INVOLVED OBTAINING GENSCHER'S APPROVAL FOR THE INITIATIVE. THE FORMIN ONLY RETURNED TO BONN TODAY FROM HIS AFRICA TRIP, AND IT WAS NOT YET CERTAIN WHEN HE WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO FOCUS ON MBFR.

2. RUECKRIEGEL WAS RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS THE ELEMENTS OF THE FRG INITIATIVE, SINCE IT HAD NOT YET RECEIVED MINISTERIAL LEVEL APPROVAL. WHEN ASKED WHETHER DISAGGREGATED AIR FORCE MANPOWER WOULD BE INCLUDED, RUECKRIEGEL RESPONDED THAT THE FRG COULD PROBABLY AGREE TO ITS INCLUSION, BUT ONLY REPEAT ONLY AFTER DISAGGREGATED

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GROUND FORCE DATA HAD BEEN PRESENTED TO THE EAST AND IT BECAME NECESSARY TO PROVIDE COMPARABLE AIR FORCE DATA.

3. AT THE MAY 23 SPC THE FRG WILL PURSUE THE DISCUSSION OF A NATO UNCLASSIFIED PUBLICATION, BUT RUECKRIEGEL INDICATED THIS WOULD BE DONE WITHOUT "FERVOR." THE FRG STILL FEELS STRONGLY THAT THE PUBLICATION, IF ANY,

SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS RELATED TO MBFR AND CERTAINLY
SHOULD NOT BE INTRODUCED INTO THE
NEGOTIATIONS. ACCORDING TO RUECKRIEGEL,
THE FRG WAS TOYING WITH THE IDEA OF A
PUBLICATION CONTAINING TWO CHAPTERS: THE FIRST LISTING
NATIONAL FORCE TOTALS OF ALLIANCE MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE
FRENCH; THE SECOND PROVIDING FIGURES ON THE MEMBERS OF
NATO'S INTEGRATED DEFENSE. RUECKRIEGEL STRESSED THAT THE
GERMANS WERE STILL OPEN-MINDED AS TO THE FORMAT AND
CONTENT OF A NATO PUBLICATION AND WISHED TO HEAR THE
IDEAS OF OTHER SPC MEMBERS.
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